

RIDDLE-JACKSON HOUSE
608 Jackson Street
Vidalia
Toombs County
Georgia

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location:

608 Jackson Street, Vidalia, Georgia, Toombs County
(known formerly on 1924 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map
as 604 Jackson Street.)

Significance:

One of the older houses in Vidalia, the
Riddle-Jackson House represents a good example of
modest Colonial Revival residential architecture.

Description:

Distinguished primarily by a high hip roof with a
hexagonal turret on the front facade, the house is
wrapped on three elevations by a hip roof porch
supported by Ionic columns with scamozzi capitals.
The one-story dwelling is characteristically clad in
weatherboard with such identifying features as
one-over-one sash windows, and sidelights and
transom surrounding the front entry.

The interior of the house also exhibits modest
Colonial Revival era elements including
manufactured, paneled doors with stock hardware,
mantel pieces with bracketed shelves and
overmirrors, and stock moldings throughout.
Alterations to the original appearance include new
dropped acoustic tile ceilings, a bathroom enclosure
in the front hall, and an addition/porch enclosure
at the rear of the house.

History:

According to local tradition, the house was
constructed for Dan Riddle, a Confederate veteran of
Gettysburg who relocated to Vidalia in 1910 with his
wife Laura, from North Carolina. The house is
believed to have been built on a piece of property
owned by Mrs. Laura Riddle, and completed c. 1911.
The five room dwelling is said to have been
constructed at a cost of \$3,000.00.

Occupied by the Riddle family for many years, the
house was subsequently converted to rental use by
the owners and became home to such locally prominent
individuals as Advance publishers R. E. and Frances

Ledford who resided in the house during 1926-27. The house was purchased by Ben P. Jackson Sr. and Estelle Walker Jackson in 1932 and remained in the Jackson family until 1988.

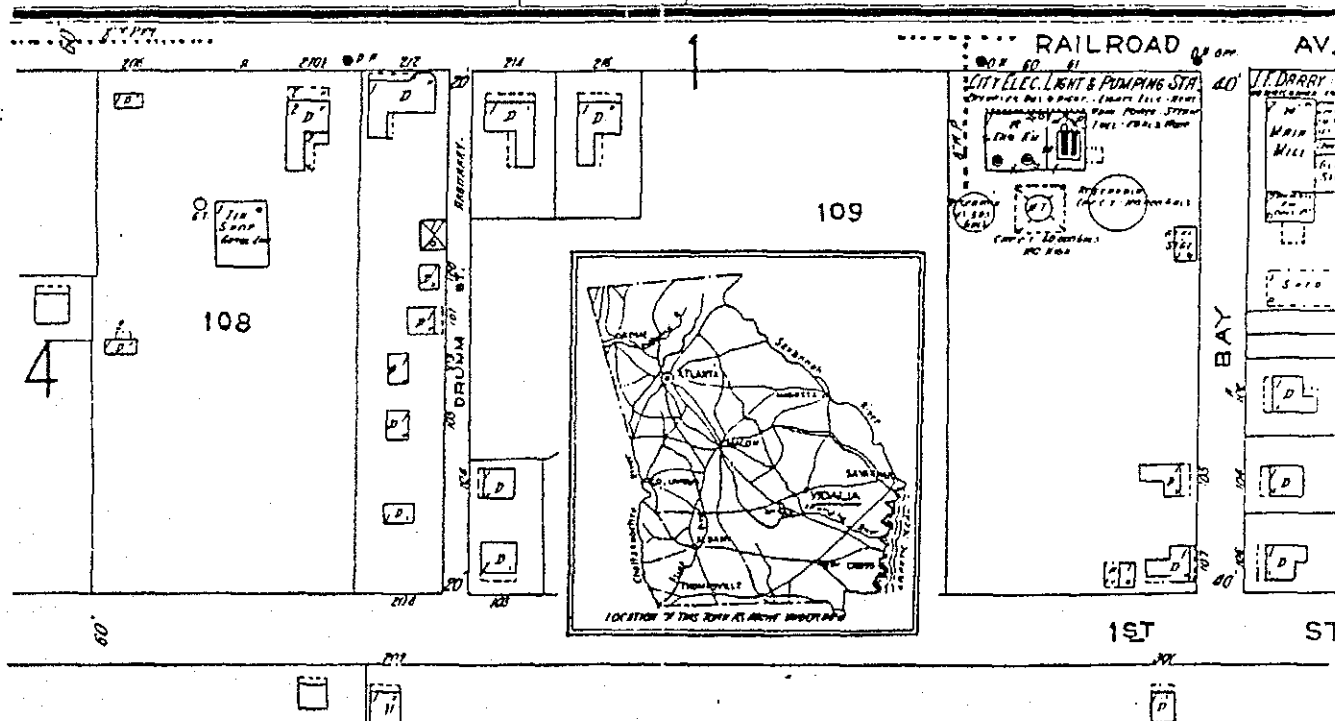
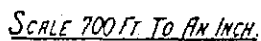
The house is located on Jackson Street in an area of Vidalia which experienced substantial growth during the first two decades of the 20th century and quickly became an upper middle-class residential district. Jackson Street today represents an early 20th century residential neighborhood defined by a variety of architectural styles surrounded by mature landscape features.

Source:

Vidalia Advance, March 30, 1989

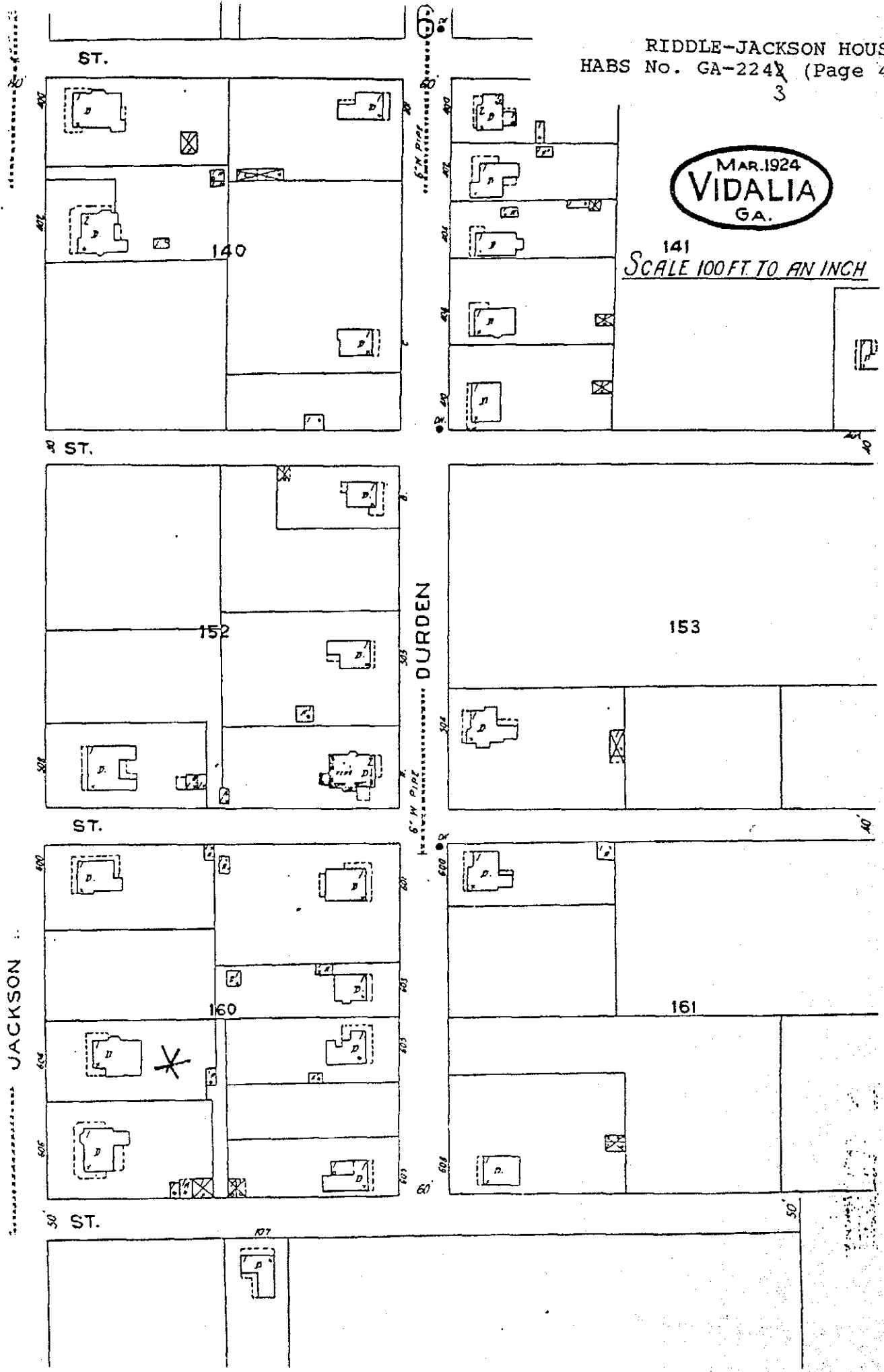
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